

verification system of the present invention is further composed of a bank database 5, and the bank database 5 is connected with the communication network 3.

IN THE CLAIMS:

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9. (Amended) A card verification method comprising:
- registering an identification code area comprising an area where a card is located and an identification code of the card;
- transmitting over a telecommunication network the identification code area to a verification module, upon request by the verification module;
- reading the card identification code from a card by a read unit; and
- verifying the card only when a location of the read unit corresponds to the identification code area.
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10. (Amended) A method of claim 9, wherein the identification code area is coincident with an area for one or more cells belonging to a mobile telephone, and
- wherein a verification apparatus accesses a table that shows a correspondence relation between the card identification code and the mobile telephone.

Please add the following new claims:

11. (New) A card verification system, comprising:
- a position registering module configured to register a geographical area and an identification code of a card;
- a verification module configured to receive over a telecommunication network the area and the identification code of the card from said position registering module, and further configured to verify the card read by a card reader requesting card verification only if a location of the card reader corresponds to the area of the card.
12. (New) The card verification system according to claim 11, further comprising a mobile phone, and a table showing a correspondence between the identification code of the card and said mobile phone, wherein the area of the card is coincident with an area for one or more cells to which said mobile phone belongs.
13. (New) The card verification system according to claim 11, wherein the card is a credit card.
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